35% to 25%. The import duty on zinc concentrate of 5% is the lowest non-zero rate and no change is considered due to large duty differential between the zinc metal and zinc concentrate.

Restoration of Section 10(20A) of I.T. Act

2696. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been submitted to Government for restoration of Section 10(20A) of the I.T. Act in view of the inevitable requirement for promoting investment in infrastructure by the Urban Development Authorities, Housing Boards etc. which has been withdrawn by Government;

(b) whether Government would reconsider the matter and restore the relevant Section in the I.T. Act; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is not under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Notices issued to defaulters by Banks

2697. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked banks to submit status reports on the notices issued to defaulters in the case of non-performing assets; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken by Government to recover the loans advanced during the last 10 years which have not been repaid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir.